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## KIDNAPPERS FOUND AT LAST

MAN AND WOMAN UNDER ARREST AT CLEVELAND FOR STEALING WHITLA BOY.

### LATTER STILL HAD MONEY

OVER NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOUND SECURELY PINNED BENEATH HER SKIRTS.

### CHILD ON WAY TO CLEVELAND

OFFICERS TAKING YOUTH BACK IN ORDER TO PROVE IDENTITY OF PRISONERS

Cleveland, Mch 24.—In the arrest here last night of a man and a woman having \$9,790 in their possession, the police believe they have captured the kidnapers of Willie Whitla. The woman, who was somewhat confused, admitted that she had been responsible for the kidnaping. When placed in custody at the central police station, she said to Captain Shattuck:

"I am the one who planned the whole thing. There will be trouble for me and hell in Sharon tomorrow."

Beneath the woman's skirt was found \$9,700. All of it but \$40 was bound in packages with the original slips placed on the money when Whitla took it from the bank still around it.

Captain Shattuck and Detective Frank Wood made the arrests in the east end of the city.

When they neared the station the man broke away from Detective Wood and ran towards an alley. The policeman fired two shots from his revolver into the air and the man stopped. The woman made no attempt to escape.

#### Boy to See Prisoners.

Sharon, Pa., Mch 24.—For the purpose of identification and getting possession of the man and woman who are under arrest at Cleveland in connection with the Whitla kidnaping case, Chief of Police Crain, Detective Kempler, District Attorney Lininger, Former District Attorney Cochran and Willie Whitla, accompanied by his father and uncle, Frank H. Buhl, left here this morning for Cleveland. The names of the prisoners are said to be Helen Foulkner and James Boyle.

#### Woman Known to Whitlas.

Sharon, Pa., Mch 24.—Important sensational developments concerning the Whitla case are expected to occur in Cleveland this afternoon. Rumor has it that the woman is personally known by the entire Whitla family. Efforts will be made to have the prosecution stopped.

It is reported that the woman responsible for the kidnaping is intimately known to the Whitlas and is acquainted with their affairs. It is also rumored that they will not prosecute her.

#### Woman Confesses Having Boy.

Cleveland, Mch 24.—After a cross-questioning lasting over four hours, the man and woman taken in custody as suspects in connection with the kidnaping of Willie Whitla, the chief of police said today that he was confident that the couple were in possession of the lad all the time he was away from home.

"The woman confessed that she was in charge of the boy" said the chief. "She says she was in Cleveland with Willie for four days." The woman said that when her identity became known, it would show that she was of good family.

The man first said his name was John Doe, but later admitted that he is James Boyle, a plumber of Sharon, and that the woman is his wife. They signified their willingness to return to Pennsylvania without requisition. The woman is clever and has a good education.

"She carefully warded off every advance that the police made, which might have caused her to answer

questions which she should not have answered. She has not confessed that she kidnapped the boy, far from it," he said. "She was in charge of him, but that is as far as her story goes."

#### MORTUARY MATTERS.

The funeral of T. J. Ground took place at the home ranch at Benlah at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Religious services were conducted by Elder S. L. Barker, for many years a friend and neighbor of the deceased.

T. J. Ground was a man of sterling worth and integrity, universally liked by all and with such an easy and genial manner that his friends numbered all who had met him socially.

Juan B. Martinez departed this life at Sapello yesterday, at the ripe age of 80 years. He was an old soldier and his name had been on the government pension roll for many years.

Maria D. Lucero, infant daughter of Mrs. Eugenia Lucero y Jiron, died of scarlet fever yesterday. This is the second child this mother has lost within a few days.

#### Vessel Ships Heavy Sea.

San Francisco, Mch 24.—The Merchant's Exchange received a message from South Bend, Wash., today that the steamer Shoshone, outward bound from that port to San Francisco last night, shipped a heavy sea, carried away her deck-load, the main mast and cargo boom and damaged the deck house, and washed overboard one man, who was drowned. The steamer returned to South Bend for repairs.

## TERRIBLE WRECK ON OREGON SHORT LINE KILLS TWO

ENGINEER OVERLOOKS STOP ORDER AND IS DITCHED BY DERAILER.

Engine is Buried to the Smokestack in the Sand and Five Freight Cars Are Piled Up Indiscriminately.

Ogden, Utah, March 24.—Engineer Layng and brakeman Pearson are dead, fireman Rasmussen is seriously injured, an engine buried to the smokestack in sand, and five freight cars piled up indiscriminately, is the disastrous record made at 5 o'clock this morning by the Oregon Short Line freight train No. 24, in charge of Conductor Schnocke and Engineer Layng, running between Granger and Green River, Wyo., on a lately double-tracked piece of road on the Union Pacific railroad.

The accident occurred five miles east of Granger, at Gannett bridge, No. 261, where the double track on the Utah division of the Union Pacific is also used by the Oregon Short Line trains.

This morning freight train No. 24 came down from Pocatello on the Short Line road, and stopped for orders at Granger and then proceeded east toward Green River over the Union Pacific tracks. Engineer Layng evidently overlooked the order to stop before crossing bridge 261 and as a result of this error the train ran up to the "derailer," and sped on until it struck loamy soil at the east end of the bridge, burying Engineer Layng and brakeman Pearson in the wreck. They were dug out of the wreck as quickly as possible, but they were dead.

#### New Commissioners Appointed.

Albert Blake has resigned as U. S. court commissioner at Artesia, N. M., and C. F. Erb has been appointed by Chief Justice W. J. Mills to succeed him in the position. His duties especially are to take preliminary oaths in homestead entries.

On the strength of a petition signed by prominent residents of Union county, Ernest F. Snyder has received at the hands of Judge Mills the appointment to be U. S. commissioner at the town of Lone, in that county. He will act in similar capacity to a justice of the peace in territorial matters, also being clothed with authority in U. S. land cases.

## DENVER CUT OFF FROM WORLD RAP FROM CLARK

CITY COMPLETELY ISOLATED BOTH BY TELEPHONE AND TELEPHONE.

### STORM SWEEPS MIDDLE WEST

PORTION OF FREIGHT TRAIN BLOWN COMPLETELY FROM TRACK IN KANSAS

### EXTENT OF DAMAGE UNKNOWN

ONE KILLED AND FOUR INJURED BY TORNADO AT LAREDO, TEXAS.

Chicago, March 24.—A severe storm has developed in the Rocky Mountain region. Telegraphic communication with Denver is lost over all routes. The most difficulty appears within twenty miles of Denver. It is reported that western Kansas was struck by a tornado, but direct communication is lacking.

#### Train Swept from Tracks.

Topelia, Kan., March 24.—At Edson last night a tornado struck a freight train on the Rock Island road and nine cars were blown from the track. The storm also damaged several houses, but no lives were lost. A furious storm of sleet, rain and snow prevails throughout northwest Kansas.

#### Tornado in Texas.

Laredo, Tex., March 24.—One person was killed and four injured, and property damaged to the extent of \$75,000 by a tornado which swept the city last night, destroying all communication north of Laredo. The casualties occurred when the round house of the Mexican National railroad was demolished. The orphanage of the Sisters of Guadalupe on Loma Vista heights was destroyed, but the inmates escaped. This dispatch was sent by courtesy of the Mexican Federal telegraph company, whose lines are on the south side of the Rio Grande, and the only ones operating in Laredo.

#### Four Burn to Death.

Fort Worth, Texas, Mch 24.—Reports have been received here from Wise county, thirty miles north of here, that a terrific electrical storm swept the country early today and four persons were burned to death in the fire which followed. One town is reported practically destroyed. Only two houses were left standing. Many farm houses throughout the county were wrecked.

A. Price, a farmer, his wife and five children and a farm hand were burned to death three miles north of Sildell in the destruction of their home. Twenty persons are reported injured. The patch of the storm was five miles wide. Fifty houses and stores at Sildell were completely wrecked. At Boliver, eight miles east of Sildell, many houses were blown down, and two negroes killed. Wires are down in all directions. News is coming in slowly.

## WOMAN DIES WHO WAS BORN ON BATTLEFIELD

Detroit, Mich., March 24.—Mrs. Mary Ann Sullivan, who was born on the battlefield of Waterloo, died yesterday at St. Luke's hospital. She was 93 years old. Her father, William Southall, belonged to the Royal Welsh fusiliers, and her mother accompanied the troops to war. Just before the battle, Mrs. Southall started for the field with brandy for the sick soldiers, but was ordered back by the Duke of Wellington, who shouted, "Go back, woman, shooting has commenced." Terrified, the young woman ran toward a small grove, where she fell exhausted.

DEMOCRATIC LEADER IN HOUSE DISCUSSES BILL UP FOR HEARING.

### FINDS FAULT WITH PAYNE

RELIEVES THERE SHOULD BE OPPORTUNITY FOR AMENDMENTS AND DEBATES.

### NO DESIRE TO DO INJURY

DECLARES DEMOCRATS DO NOT WANT TO HARM ANY LEGITIMATE INDUSTRY.

Washington, Mch 24.—Declaring that the present was a time for an amendment of the tariff, Mr. Payne said that he had no desire to do injury to any industry. Payne suggested instead that there should be ample opportunity for amendments and debates, under the five-minute act of the entire measure, section by section. It was his judgment that the bill could be amended in many respects.

Touching the failure of the consumer to appear before the committee, Mr. Clark said that there were two reasons for this, one that in the beginning the public looked upon the hearings as a stuporous confidence game, and second, that the consumer felt that the possibility of having his tariff burden substantially reduced was so remote that he did not think it was worth traveling expenses, hotel bills, neglect of business and loss of time. While that applied to the fairly well to do ultimate consumer, he said there were millions of ultimate consumers who had not the wherewithal to foot the bills for a trip to Washington, and other millions who could scrape together the expense money and could not afford to use it in that way.

"So that," he said "the ultimate consumer really speaks in these hearings only through questions proposed by members of the committee in an honest endeavor to ascertain the truth. Most of the cross-firing among witnesses," he said, "is where one set of manufacturers tell a story of another because the tariff pie was not evenly distributed, and each one wanted the biggest piece."

To Mr. Fordney of Michigan, Mr. Clark extended his assurance of his "profoundest consideration as a fighter. He would put a game cock to blush in that regard."

If, he said, Mr. Fordney was given carte blanche to write a tariff bill, "it would be short, if not sweet, and would be in these words: 'If an article can be produced in this country by any process or at any cost whatsoever, nothing like it shall be imported.'"

All through the hearings, he said, Mr. Fordney was on hand with first aids for the wounded. He said that the rest of the republicans, first or last, "came over to our side" on different subjects and in various degrees, but that Mr. Fordney never lowered his colors. "Neither Leonidas, at the Pass, nor Horatius at the Bridge, was a marker to him," he said.

Discussing the situation in which the ways and means committee found itself, he said, it was unprecedented because both parties had favored regarding the tariff rates of the Dingley bill. "Of course," he said, "the republican platform was equivocal," but he added in that connection most of the republican members of the committee came at least to construe it as a revision downward. The democrats so construed it and, he said, the better part of wisdom and patriotism would have been for all the members to have collaborated

in the work of preparing the bill, after the hearings closed. "We are all American citizens, equally interested in the prosperity, glories and happiness of a mighty people," he exclaimed. "Not one of us had the slightest desire to injure in any way or to any extent whatsoever any legitimate American industry."

In addition to the peculiar coincidence of both parties being under orders to revise the tariff downward, he said, all were stared in the face by a larger and increasing deficiency in the revenues. There were, he said, but three ways known among men by which a deficiency may be cured, cut down expenses, increase taxes and issue bonds. To issue bonds, he declared, was no remedy at all. It was simply postponing the day when they must be paid, principal and interest. Taxes, he contended, never should be increased where possible to avert.

Cutting down appropriations, he said, where it could be done without stinting the government in any of its proper functions, was the most efficient remedy for a deficiency, "but," he added, "our republicans brethren seem utterly incapable of cutting down appropriations. We favor that remedy on the old Jeffersonian principle of economy in the public expense that labor might be lightly burdened."

He argued that as the republicans cannot economize, and as they were in the majority, the committee on ways and means, was under compulsion "to somehow increase the revenues by about \$150,000,000 per annum." Taking the whole situation into account, he said, "the wise thing would have been to invite the democrats to join in the revision."

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## HORSE RUNS INTO TRAIN AND YOUNG WOMAN IS KILLED

PARTY OF THREE WAS SITTING IN BUGGY AWAITING THE PASSING OF FREIGHT.

Driver Loses Control of Animal Which Dashes into Cars and Occupants Are Thrown from Vehicle.

Centralia, Wash., Mch 24.—The mad plunge of a horse into a Northern Pacific freight train last evening, resulted in the death of Miss Anna Haines of Napavine, the serious injury of Miss Clara Lindsey and the severe shaking up of Lindsey. The party was driving from Napavine to this city when the accident occurred.

Lindsey stopped the horse to await the passing of a freight train, when suddenly the horse plunged into the train. Lindsey tried to control the animal, but without success, and they were all thrown out of the buggy, which was broken into fragments. S. E. Baker, who lives near the scene, witnessed the accident and summoned aid. Miss Haines was dead when the body was picked up and Lindsey's sister is being cared for by a physician. The horse had to be shot.

#### Morningstar Defeats Sutton.

New York, March 24.—Oro Morningstar defeated George Sutton last night in their match in the 18.2 billiard championship tournament by the score of 500 to 450.

#### Mexican Archives Burned.

Mexico City, March 24.—The building of the chamber of deputies in Mexico was burned to the ground yesterday afternoon. Loss \$150,000. The archives and records were destroyed.

## SHOOTS LAND DEALER FOR UNDERHAND WORK

Santa Ana, Cal., Mch 24.—Edward Reinert, a rancher of Lobo, shot twice and probably fatally wounded C. N. Garry, a land dealer of Reno, dict. this morning in the law office of H. J. Porgy. Bullets from a British bull-dog revolver entered his breast and abdomen. Reinert was jailed. Reinert claimed he sold a ranch to Garry for \$6,000, \$2,000 cash and \$4,000 by mortgage. Before he could get the mortgage recorded, Garry filed another mortgage for \$2,500. Reinert charged Garry with swindling, and the shooting followed.

## MAN SLAIN BY ANGRY POSSE

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY OCCURS NEAR EL CUERVO IN THIS COUNTY.

### ATTEMPTED TO KIDNAP GIRL

FRANCISCO CALLETANO SHOT DEAD AND ALFREDO MAES PAINFULLY WOUNDED.

### LATTER ON WAY TO JAIL

YOUNG WOMAN ESCAPED UNHARMED AND WAS RESTORED TO HER MOTHER.

Francisco Calletano, a native of Old Mexico, with negro blood in his veins, is dead, and Alfredo Maes, a half breed, is being brought to Las Vegas jail, painfully wounded, as the result of trying to abduct a young Mexican girl and force her to marry Calletano.

It seems that Mrs. Simon Garcia and pretty daughter are keeping house for William Boylan at his ranch on the La Garita stream near El Cuervo, about 65 miles southeast of Las Vegas.

The other morning Calletano and Maes drove up to the house on the Boylan ranch and demanded that the pretty daughter get in a wagon nearby and accompany them to a place where her father was employed, in an endeavor to gain his consent to a marriage that was against her own wishes. The girl protested against getting into the wagon and going with the men to see her father, but she was coerced into doing so, being thrust into the wagon bed and driven off at a lively rate.

One account received in Las Vegas states that William Boylan was not at home when the abduction of the girl occurred, while another report has it that he was at home and pulled down on the men in a futile attempt to frustrate their intentions.

The moment Calletano and Maes put a whip to their horses to see the fate of the now thoroughly frightened girl, who was securely held on a wagon seat by one of the fellows, her mother, who saw them departing, drove to the house of the justice of the peace of that precinct and reported to the alcalde the high-handed outrage that had already been perpetrated on her daughter, also that she feared that even her daughter's life might be in jeopardy in the hands of such devils who would resort to almost any crime in the calendar to accomplish their hellish purpose.

Justice of the Peace Jose Teodoro Dominguez was not long in summoning a posse to pursue and either capture or kill the villains who stole the girl from a home in which she was toiling industriously for an honest livelihood, being assisted at intervals by her mother.

Warrants for the arrest of the two men were placed in the hands of Antonio Chavez, and the posse, composed of Simon Gauna, Agapito Garcia, Concepcion Dominguez, Jose S. Romero and Fabian Romero.

The men started in hot pursuit of the girl and her abductors. Arriving at the place where the father was employed, they found her safely in his keeping, the request for the proposed marriage having been peremptorily refused.

Pursuit of Calletano and Maes was continued and they were overtaken by Antonio Chavez and party about 3 o'clock in the afternoon near the ranch of Fabian Romero.

They were called upon to surrender, which they refused to do, between calms, also replying to this demand with shots from their guns. Luckily no one was hit, though Chavez received a slight wound in a hand in the scuffle that followed. The

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